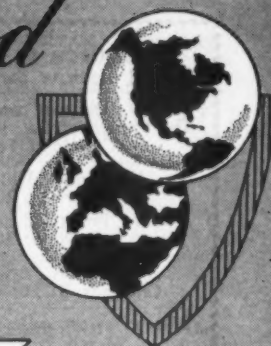
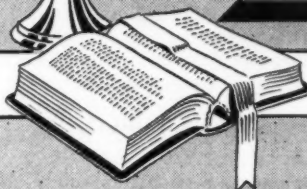


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THE PILGRIM FATHERS

O God, beneath Thy guiding hand
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea;
And when they trod the wintry
strand,
With prayer and psalm they wor-
shipped Thee.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in
God
Came with those exiles o'er the
waves;
And where their pilgrim feet have
trod,
The God they trusted guards their
graves.

And here Thy name, O, God of love,
Their children's children shall
adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no
more.

—Leonard Bacon, 1802-1881.



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EVANGEL SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM OCT. 21 THROUGH OCT. 31

Alabama	40	Missouri	5
Arizona	2	Mississippi	24
Arkansas	10	Montana	1
California	13	Nebraska	2
Canada	5	New Mexico	1
Colorado	1	New York	11
Connecticut	1	North Carolina	34
Delaware	1	North Dakota	1
Florida	76	Ohio	18
Foreign	3	Oklahoma	19
Georgia	79	Oregon	2
Illinois	4	Pennsylvania	28
Indiana	4	South Carolina	55
Iowa	1	Tennessee	14
Kansas	11	Texas	5
Kentucky	3	Virginia	24
Louisiana	7	Washington, D. C.	2
Maryland	1	West Virginia	18
Michigan	40		
Minnesota	1	Total	567

EVANGEL COUNT FOR OCTOBER

Alabama	1,049	Nevada	3
Arizona	71	New Jersey	53
Arkansas	210	New Mexico	34
California	568	New York	53
Colorado	22	North Carolina	1,538
Connecticut	6	North Dakota	122
Delaware	37	Ohio	404
Florida	1,202	Oklahoma	384
Georgia	2,208	Oregon	34
Idaho	34	Pennsylvania	260
Illinois	460	South Carolina	1,828
Indiana	229	South Dakota	84
Iowa	97	Tennessee	1,899
Kansas	88	Texas	344
Kentucky	643	Utah	2
Louisiana	315	Virginia	697
Maine	54	Washington, D.C.	13
Maryland	149	Washington	31
Massachusetts	7	West Virginia	1,067
Michigan	424	Wisconsin	15
Minnesota	22	Wyoming	5
Mississippi	606	Western Canada	50
Missouri	232	Central Canada	7
Montana	54	Foreign	283
Nebraska	30	Total	18,027

THE DEACON'S THANKSGIVING

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," Eph. 5:20.

Old Deacon Bedell was the cheeriest man You'd meet in many a day.
He 'lowed that the Lord had a pretty good plan For running the world, and he'd say,
"I'm thankful that things are about as they are;

They could be a mighty sight wuss,
An' the things we've complained of the loud-est so far
Have proved to be blessin's to us."

When others lamented the drought, he'd reply,
"It's better than having a flood,
An' we ought to thank God when the weather is dry

That we don't have to waller in mud."
Yet, when it was stormy, he'd never complain,
But say with immutable trust,
"The Lord in His goodness has sent us the rain To lay this discomfortin' dust."

When adversity smote him it felt like the dew On a mountain's impervious crest;
For his simple philosophy held to the view That everything worked for the best.
And for other misfortunes he always could find Such sweet consolation to give;
It seemed that he envied the halt and the blind
The lives they were destined to live.

One day he was caught in a threshing machine;
It cost him a leg, but he said:
"That's gettin' off cheaper than some I have seen."

I'm thankful it wasn't my head."
And always thereafter he stumped on a peg,
Or patiently went with a crutch,
Declaring, "I'm savin' a lot on that leg;
My socks only cost half as much."

When his end was approaching, he said with a smile,

As they folded his hands on his breast:
"I've worked pretty hard a considerable while,
An' I'm thankful to get a good rest."
So he went through the world strewing smiles on his way,
And the neighbors surviving him tell That no matter what happened, it seemed every day
Was thanksgiving for Ezra Bedell.

—The Herald of Light.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

The Orphanage is now in its new home—Sevierville, Tenn., the former home of Bible Training School. Address all mail and packages to Box 31, Sevierville, Tenn. All moneys should be mailed as usual to General Secretary and Treasurer, Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee.—William F. Dych, Superintendent.



Requests for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; the healing of my body.—Mrs. T. W. Chire, Arcadia, Fla.
The healing of my body.—Miss Florence Easter, Mt. Airy, N. C.

My two daughters, my grandson and me to be healed of a breaking out on our bodies.—Mrs. Marion Nix, Severy, Kans.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. L. A. Downs, Shaw, Miss.

Me to find a place to live.—Anna Walters, Chester, Pa.

My brother to be saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Zona Britt, Byington, Tenn.

Me to be healed; I have been deformed for 48 years.—Lou Della Nichols, Ormie, Tenn.

Two of my sons-in-law to be saved.—Mrs. F. H. Smith, Henning, Tenn.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; my husband to be saved; the complete healing of my body.—A Subscriber, Clinton, S. C.

My two boys to be healed of cataracts on their eyes; my body to be healed.—Adrana Finley, Clossplint, Ky.

A baby to be healed of a breaking out on its body.—Mrs. W. T. Dail, Plymouth, N. C.
God to restore my health.—Mrs. Lois Doss, Kimberly, Ala.



ALDA B. HARRISON PUBLISHES NEW BOOK

Name: "Inspirational Messages for Young People."

Nature: Personal historette, and not less than fifty rich, inspiring choice editorials from nineteen years' writing.

Delivery: About April 1, 1950.

The Author: Sister Harrison needs no introduction to thousands of you, yet it is a privilege to express your sentiment and mine to those who have never met her personally, as well as those who have only recently met her through the **Lighted Pathway**. Sister Harrison has the honor of having been the founding editor of the **Lighted Pathway** the first issue of which was 500 in 1929 on borrowed money from her father. For eight years she bore the strain, stress, and anxiety of not only editing, but also of financing and circulating the Christian magazine that was destined, despite the frailty and struggles of its infancy, to eventually exceed the circulation of any other Christian youth magazine in the United States. Although the **Lighted Pathway** had, from its first issue, been dedicated to the youth of the Church of God, it was not until the 1937 Assembly that it became Church property. Sister Harrison felt that the responsibility was getting too heavy for her own shoulders and conveyed the paper to the Church of God, of which she had been an ardent member and minister for years. The Church readily retained her as editor and gave her a full-time secretary and Sister Harrison continued this efficient service until September, 1948, at which time she was succeeded as editor by Rev. Charles W. Conn; but she is retained as honorary editor, featuring "Helps for Tempted and Tried" and "Happy Home Circle" in each issue of the **Lighted Pathway**. This means that Sister Harrison's new book, "Inspirational Messages for Young People," will bring to you the cream of her writing for nineteen years as editor of the **Lighted Pathway**. May I encourage you to inspire Sister Harrison's heart by mailing in your order and \$2.00 in advance so as to help her with the initial cost of printing. Send your order directly to her:

Mrs. Alda B. Harrison
383 Parker St., N.E.
Cleveland, Tennessee

—Editor-in-Chief.

... Editorial ...

THE GRACE OF GRATITUDE

Of all the lovely graces that can emanate from, and be demonstrated by mankind, there is none more beautiful than the grace of gratitude. Gratitude is a characteristic that must be maintained, as well as developed. As one can very easily adopt and cultivate a grumpy, touchy attitude of ingratitude, they can, at least by effort, cultivate the lovely, and admirable disposition of gratitude.

As we come to another Thanksgiving Day, we should take time out to undertake an enumeration of the many fresh, rich, and glorious blessings that God, our Heavenly Father, has let come to us during the last twelve months, in addition to all of those in the previous years. I am sure every one of us will readily admit that he has let the lines fall to us in many pleasant places, and where there were valleys and shadows to pass through, He has been our Good Shepherd to guide us, protect us, lead us, feed us, and anoint our heads with the oil of joy and gladness and that right in the presence of adverse circumstances.

Very few of us, perhaps, who engage in the festivities of Thanksgiving Day, stop to ascertain the origin of this commendable national institution. Most of us know that the first Thanksgiving in America was in November, 1621, and was celebrated by the pilgrims who landed from the Mayflower in the Plymouth Colony. Yet, I wonder if we take time to really consider how hard, dark, and dreary those days were that they faced, leading up to the harvesting of their first crop, which they celebrated after the custom of the Levitical Feast of Tabernacles, a demonstration of the fact that they wanted their celebration to be approved and accepted by their Heavenly Father. On that day, set apart by Governor William Bradford, there were only fifty-five colonies and one hundred Indians; but on this Thanksgiving there is a population of near 140,000,000 Americans, who should reverently, prayerfully, and respectfully celebrate the day in the truest and most sincere spirit of thanksgiving. In doing this, we would not only renew our memories of the brave-hearted Pilgrims in 1621, but also do honor to Sarah Josepha Hale, the thoughtful, consecrated widow who lived in Boston, to whom we owe the credit of a day being set apart for the observance of thanksgiving. It was she who championed a national Thanksgiving Day for twenty years, as one of the first women journalists who pled, fought for, and advocated it. She was so persistent in her continued writing to the Honorable President Abraham Lincoln, until in 1864, he declared that thereafter, by presidential proclamation, the last Thursday in November should be observed as a national Thanksgiving Day. However, the President's proclamation that this day be observed is not within itself sufficient. There must be the spirit of true thanksgiving

emanating from the heart before an individual can observe this day properly.

As we come to this Thanksgiving Day, there are millions of blessings for which we should praise God. We have plenty to eat, plenty to wear, good homes to live in, good churches to worship in, good neighborly communities, towns, states, and nation to live in, where the stars and stripes of Old Glory and the Christian flag proudly wave over our heads, with a thoughtful, God-fearing democratic government to protect us in our freedom of religion, freedom of press, and freedom of speech.

While we hate to think of it as a comparison, it is a fact (and yet the people are just as good as we are) that there are millions in other countries and nations who are enduring the anguish and horror of war's aftermath of hunger, lack of clothing and fuel for home, and the essential facilities of home life. All of this is a challenge to us to lift our hearts in humble gratitude and thanksgiving to God that His benignant smiles have fallen upon us, and ours is the good fortune to have plenty, peace, and happiness. But no heart can really and truly be grateful without at the same time having a feeling of sympathy and prayer for those who are less fortunate. A genuine infusion of the Spirit of Christ Jesus is requisite to a proper manifestation of gratitude.

So let us turn to the spiritual side of gratitude.

We remember that it was at Calvary, in His cruel death, that the Lord suffered the base ingratitude of man. Upon His last pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Christ tasted the bitter thanklessness of man when He cleansed ten lepers and only one of them returned to give Him thanks for his cleansing. Yet, Christ has died for the cleansing of all mankind for a far worse disease than

leprosy—sin—that is death-dealing for soul and body. I wonder if the percentage of those who have actually received the kind expressions of His grace and free pardon and forgiveness of sin, who are giving to Him grateful praise and lives of thanksgiving, are over one-tenth per cent of all Christendom?

We are challenged by many of the writers, in very striking phraseologies, to give God praise. Let us notice a few of them. "Give him thanks." "Abounding therein with thanksgiving," Col 2:7. "Be ye thankful," Col. 3:15. "Giving thanks always for all things," Eph. 5:20.

Then we are to realize that offering thanksgiving to God is not just cold formality and of interest to those in a congregation only, but we must realize that God hears, that Christ Jesus listens in, and that they are glorified, for David says, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me . . ." Psalm 50:23. It was also David who said, "Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord." You remember that Jesus replied to the criticizing Pharisees who asked that He stop the multitudes from shouting "Hosannah in the highest" to Him, that if He should do that the stones would cry out praise to Him.

Then, gratitude does something for us. It rewards us with a spirit of contentment even in unpleasant con-

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State Activities . . .

North Carolina's L. W. W. B. News Mrs. E. W. Williams, State President

We are glad to give a report of the fine work our ladies are doing in North Carolina. Your good reports and encouraging letters are a great inspiration to me. We have one or more new bands for September. These new bands are falling in line and reporting each month.

Our State L. W. W. B. Banner goes to Greensboro for September. They raised the largest amount, which was \$571.21. I am sure they are doing a great part in helping on their new church, which is well under way.

Wake Forest comes next with a fine report. They received the banner twice last year, two months in succession.

We have nine bands reporting this month that raised over \$200 each. I think this is wonderful. We are thankful for each report, whether large or small. God is taking note of every effort put forth for Him. Each one, do your best and that is all that is required.

Keep sending in the good reports

and we will add them to the paper all along. Think of it! the total amount raised last month was \$7,430.53.

Michigan's Summary of Last Year's Property Gains

New Parsonages

Austin (remodeled)
Big Rapids (remodeled)
Dearborn (completed)

Kalamazoo Pontiac
North Flint West Detroit
Grand Ledge

New Church Buildings

Kalamazoo Van Dyke
Monroe White Cloud
Muskegon Willow Run
Lake Odessa (remodeling)

Planning to Build or Buy New Church Buildings

West Detroit North Flint
East Detroit Battle Creek
Ferndale Lansing
West Flint Grand Rapids

Above are the names of the churches which built a new parsonage or church building this last year. As you will notice, there are eight parsonages and

seven church buildings, either remodeled or built. This adds up to quite a property increase, and I feel it is in line with the forward-move program in the State this and last year.—D. C. Boatwright, State Overseer.

North Carolina Ministers' Check-up

Number of pastoral visits	5,888
Number of sermons preached	3,400
Number converted	1,001
Number sanctified	675
Number baptized with Holy Ghost	45
Number baptized in water	214
Number added to the church	285
Number ministers reported	235
State membership	10,068

—E. W. Williams, State Overseer.

Chockoloskee Island Taken for God

Twelve-week revival still running. Seventy-six saved, 65 sanctified, 40 filled with Holy Ghost, 71 baptized in water, and 45 added to church. Only about 25 people are left on the Island unsaved.—J. T. Roberts, State Overseer of Florida.

Tennessee's Spiritual Progress

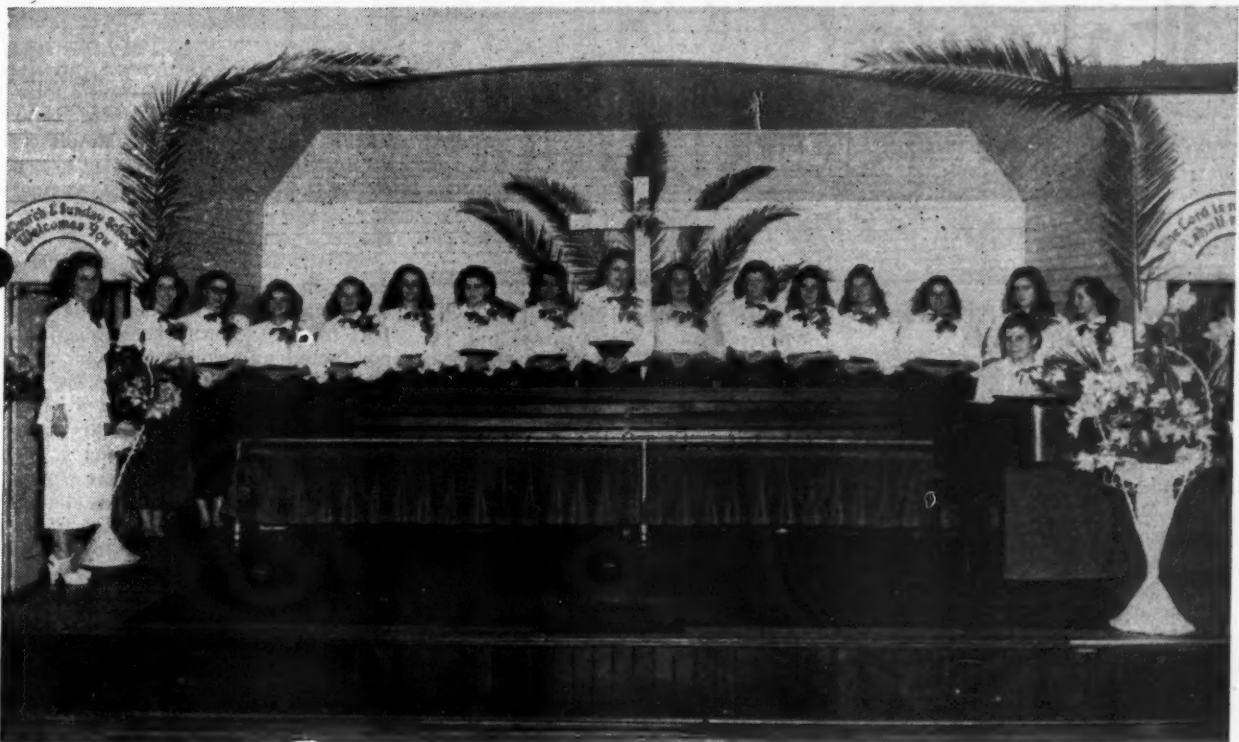
Our campaign to save 10,000 souls is off to a good start. For August, our ministers reported 1,001 saved, 511 sanctified, 326 baptized with the Holy

BOONES HILL, N. C.



This is the new church in Boones Hill, N. C. The Sunday School average is approximately seventy. God is blessing. We just had a revival with four saved, six sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water, and three united with the church, making a total of sixteen members. Please pray for us.—W. E. Faw, Pastor.

FORT MYERS, FLA., GIRLS' CHORUS



Pictured above is a fine group of our young people at Fort Myers, Florida. The girls are organized into an outstanding girls' chorus. They have blessed the local church by their very fine singing and have also done out-of-town concert work. The director of this exceptional group is Mrs. Doris Edinfield, and the pianist is Mrs. Bard Williams.

Ghost, 214 baptized in water, and 479 added to the church. This report is by far the best we have had in the State since the last General Assembly. Your state overseer is a happy man. We are praying that God's blessings will continue to accompany His Word as it is preached by His ministers and that other thousands will surrender their all to Him.

EVERY MINISTER SHOULD BE A SOUL-WINNER

How can one who has been called and anointed of God to carry this good, glad message of salvation sit idly by while the masses go to hell? One is made to cry out with the poet who said, "While this world rushes on in its folly and sin, and millions go down in despair, and the lost ones in hell send a message back here: If men go to hell, *Who cares?*"

NINETY-THREE CHURCHES HAVE REVIVALS

In a recent check-up with our pastors, we find that every church, except one, which has put on a campaign since the camp meeting, has had someone saved.

TWENTY-SIX CHURCHES PLAN REVIVALS

Let us pray for these twenty-six coming revivals. God could save thousands of souls in a few days.

FORTY-EIGHT CHURCHES

According to our check-up, we have forty-eight churches which have either not tried to have a revival meeting, or do not have any definite plans. Please, all of our churches which have not had a revival meeting since the camp meeting, let us get one started in October or November. Will the pastors of these churches please answer the state overseer's mail?

BAPTIZED IN WATER

1,001 saved and only 214 baptized in water, WHY?

JOINED THE CHURCH

1,001 saved, only 479 added to the church. Are our ministers stressing the benefits of the Church enough?—A. V. Beaubé, State Overseer.

A SECRET DISCLOSED BY ONE OF OUR PASTORS—GUESS WHO!

Here is a little secret. We have already started our mission drive for

next year, and have raised almost \$500. Our Sunday School has taken on the mission spirit and the Bible Class has set a goal for \$100; the way they are going it looks as if they will raise \$200 instead. Just thought you would like to share the joy of this with us.

Note: Dear pastor, I am glad to share this joy with you.—John C. Jernigan, State Overseer, Virginia.

GEORGIA'S EVANGEL SUBSCRIPTIONS

OUR GOAL 5,000! Georgia should have a minimum of 5,000 Evangel subscriptions. This can be done if we work it right. Here is the way to do it. First, appoint a subscription committee in your church to solicit subscriptions. Second, make three copies of your list—keep one for future reference, send one to general headquarters with the money.

Remember, if you send in four or more subscriptions at one time, you get them for \$1.25 each, or four for \$5.00. Let us get to work on this important task.—E. L. Simmons, State Overseer.

Foreign Missions

Every Creature
All the World—



J. HERBERT WALKER, SR.
Executive Missions Secretary

UNWELCOMED VISITORS IN GUATEMALA

Recently the homes of our missionaries were visited by thieves and numbers of items were stolen. Brother Pullin's home was raided; our Sister Furman and little Carol's house was raided, and now we have news from Brother Wayne of another housebreaking.

I shall let Sister Furman tell you (as she told me in a recent letter) of the incident: "A year ago this November, a thief stole my entire allowance, which I had just received from Headquarters. At a later date, quite a few things were stolen from my kitchen. Then, still later, three rocking chairs, two small chairs and my husband's globe of the world was stolen. It did molest me a lot, but when I came home from a trip one day and came face to face with a horrible-looking man, who was just ready to drop from our low kitchen roof to the brick walk, it is mild to say I was shocked. Carol stood by my side. I found my voice and asked, 'What are you doing on my roof?' I breathed a prayer to God for help, then calmly told him he could have his life cleaned up; he could be saved by the power and blood of Jesus. He just stood there and stared at me, then took off over the roof. I ran around to the street as he slid down to the ground. I told him I loved and served the living God, who was able to keep me from all harm. Well, all kinds of men came to my door for work after that, but I told them quietly that I was a poor widow; had a child to support; no money, no extras. I have not been molested any more. Since that time I have made a three-room apartment for Carol and me on the far side of the house, where the roof is higher. Doors open from one room to the other, and it is not so easy for a thief to drop down from the high roof as it was from the low

roof on the other side of the house. We read God's Word, pray, put our lives in His care, go to bed, and sleep most of the night. I hear that the Pullins and Wayne have had a similar experience. Thieves broke into their well locked house, stole Wayne's radio and ten dollars he was saving to apply on a suit for Christmas. I feel so sorry for Wayne; he has worked hard here. I am praying that the Lord will reimburse him for his loss. I have not learned what they stole from Brother and Sister Pullin."

Secretary's Note: Don't forget to pray for our missionaries, and share with them as often as you can, for they are doing a noble work for you.

SEPTEMBER A BUSY MONTH IN GUATEMALA

Let Brother Wayne McAfee explain it to you in his letter, as follows:

"It seems that each month has more work connected with it than the last one. September is a big month in Guatemala anyway. During the end of the month are three big fiestas in towns in which we have churches. During these fiestas we have a conference, or special services; having services three times a day, which gives an opportunity to preach the gospel to the many hundreds of lost that pass the chapel doors. It also keeps the believers from being tempted by the carnival that always accompanies these religious feasts of the Catholic Church. Too, many of the Indian brethren are merchants who carry their wares from town to town, and who take advantage of the large crowds of the fiestas to sell their goods, and it gives us an opportunity to see them and be with them in the evening services.

"I was with the Pullins in another town during the fiesta there when we received word that thieves had broken into our house in Guatemala City again. I came straight here and

went before the police authorities, but to no avail. When I went back up country again, I left three brethren in charge of the house; one staying from 6 a. m. until noon; another from noon until 6 p. m.; and another from 6 p. m. until morning. Nevertheless, one of the brethren did not get to the house until around 9 a. m. one morning, and in that three hours the thieves broke into the house again.

"In the fiesta of Saint Francis Assisi, in San Francisco, El Alto, the other day, I received manifold blessings from the Lord. The services were conducted and continued almost entirely in the Quiche language, the only part in Spanish being my messages. Not too many songs are translated into the Quiche language as yet, and when the sisters sang a special song they sang three choruses in Spanish, which consisted mainly of one single word 'Hallelujah!' which is the same in their language, too. Truly the Lord looked down and received those 'hallelujahs' as a sweet smelling savour, long and waiting, as are we, for that glorious day when He can descend for them and for us, as His bride, to sing with Him the eternal 'hallelujah to the Lamb that was slain!'

"I have told you, Brother Walker, in whom I have all confidence and much Christian love, of our physical trials and spiritual victories, thereby asking your continuous prayer for us and for Guatemala. The Lord is coming so very soon, and it is our duty as co-laborers with Christ, in the vineyard, to neither slumber nor sleep until we have seen many, many souls brought into the kingdom of God."

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Lee College News

HISTORY OF LEE COLLEGE CLARION

By JUANITA SMITH

The earliest beginning of the *Lee College Clarion* dates to the fall of 1946, when Billie Toothman, a college student, asked Miss Myers to help organize a school paper. This was done, and the next thing to do was to choose a name for it. Many entries were made. The student entering the best name was given a year's subscription to the paper and invited to be guest speaker at the banquet that year. *Campus Hi-Lites*, became the title for that year.

The paper carried advertisements and sold for ten cents a copy. It was self-supporting until it was decided that the students should pay for it in the initial fee charged at registration.

After our school was moved to Cleveland, the sponsor, Miss Myers, and the staff members thought the paper needed a more scholastic-sounding name, so they decided to call it the *Lee College Clarion*. It represents a clarion sounding throughout the earth.

Miss Myers sponsored the paper for three years, last year calling on the able services of Brother Johnson, our librarian.

This year, for the first time, we have some journalism classes, whose project is to edit the school paper. Miss Pitts, the journalism teacher, and Mr. Johnson are sponsors.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

By LIELL THARP

The Music Department at Lee College appears to be more promising than any previous year. So far there are six group organizations.

For those interested in gospel music there is the Thursday-night class directed by Otis L. McCoy. This class deals with the general science of

music, chorus directing and class singing. The class is open to all who wish to attend. Mr. McCoy hopes to provide some good choir directors for the student's home churches. There is very good attendance in this class.

The Madrigal Choir is composed of twelve voices and is directed by Charles E. Gold. Their interest is in the round-table type of singing.

The Mixed Chorus is also under the direction of Mr. Gold. It is composed of 38 voices. The students have already had the privilege of hearing them in the Sunday evening services.

The Girls' Glee Club is offered for the girls interested in this type of singing. Mr. Gold has not been able to list the definite number of members as yet.

Mrs. Sherman has organized a special group of twelve voices to sing for the Sunday evening services. This group adds much to the services.

The Lee College Band promises to be the best ever organized at Lee. There are 22 members, under the direction of Don Aultman. Their first public performance was in the Sunday evening service, and from student comments the band added much to the service. They are working on songs for church services, as well as marches and novelty numbers for student entertainments.

A coming event which is of great interest is the first annual presentation of the *Messiah* by Handel. It will be presented Tuesday evening, December 13. All are invited to attend.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS MEET IN GREENVILLE CHURCH OF GOD

This is an interchurch organization which represents conservative Protestant denominations and organizations

of the United States. There are several subsidiary corporations of the Association, operating in specialized fields. These include Evangelicals Foreign Missions, which serves about 80 mission boards in such vital assistance as procuring transports, visa, which otherwise could not be obtained in many cases; the National Religious Broadcasters, serving more than 120 religious broadcasting organizations and responsible for obtaining and maintaining even our pastors' and churches' programs; the National Sunday School Association; the National Association of Christian Schools and Evangelical Youth.

These important groups, with their many officials, met in the giant structure housing the South Greenville Church. Present of the principal officers were: Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president; Dr. R. L. Decker, executive secretary; and others.

"Christ Lifted Up" was the topic of the first evening speaker, Dr. Paul S. James, of Atlanta. The words of Paul, "For we preach not ourselves, but Jesus..." were impressively used. Dr. James related the story of a sign in front of a church edifice from which the letters JES had fallen, leaving the words US ONLY. The words of Christ are, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me."

"Behind the Scenes in Washington" was the topic of Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, of the N. A. E.'s Washington office. This message of startling facts aroused sincere appreciation in the hearts of South Carolinians for the Association of Evangelicals. They are our helpers. We are their boosters. Dr. Taylor works tirelessly in Washington to help our and other member churches of N. A. E. in protecting our interests.

Dr. Paulk, host pastor, and South Carolina's overseer, Houston R. Morehead, gave a very warm welcome to the many N. A. E. delegates to this gathering which saw some 2,000 assemble.—Ralph E. Day.



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In considering this subject, let us notice the following words in their respective relation to the Holy Scripture:

1. *Astray*. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all," Isa. 53:6. "How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?" Matt. 18:12. "Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son Bosor who loved the wages of unrighteousness," 2 Peter 2:15.

2. *Away*. "And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me except it were given him of my Father. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God," John 6:65-69. "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them," Acts 20:29, 30.

3. *Back*. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God," Luke 9:62. "From that time many of his disciples

went back, and walked no more with him," John 6:66. "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back into perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul," Heb. 10:38, 39.

4. *Waxing cold*. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold," Matt. 24:12.

5. *Lukewarm*. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth," Rev. 3:15, 16.

6. *Deny*. "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel," 1 Tim. 5:8. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us," 2 Tim. 2:12.

7. *Depart*. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils," 1 Tim. 4:1.

8. *Err*. "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins," James 5:19, 20.

9. *Forsaking*. "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: for Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia," 2 Tim. 4:8-10. "Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness," 2 Peter 2:15.

10. *Turn*. "But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak

and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?" Gal. 4:9. "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables," 2 Tim. 4:4. "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire," 2 Peter 2:21, 22.

11. *Left*. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day," Jude 1:6. "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love," Rev. 2:4.

12. *Fall* (meaning to descend from a higher to a lower position). "And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed," Dan. 11:35. "They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away," Luke 8:13. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," 1 Cor. 10:12. "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace," Gal. 5:4. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition," 2 Thess. 2:3. "Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil," 1 Tim. 3:6, 7. "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief," Heb. 4:11. "If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto

repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame," Heb. 6:6. "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation." "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness," 2 Peter 3:17.

According to the scriptures given above, it is possible for one to backslide, but it isn't Heaven's fault when someone falls. God is able to save and keep us saved. In Rom. 14:4, we find, "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth; yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand." Also, 2 Thess. 3:3, "But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil." Turning to Heb. 7:25, we read, "Wherefore he is able also save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." 1 Peter 1:5, says, "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." And Jude 1:24, says, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." I believe that if a man gets to where he should be in Jesus Christ, he won't have to pray through every revival that comes.

God is able to save and to keep saved, yet the Scriptures say it is possible to backslide. Some ask, "Why?" Jesus says, in Matt. 7:24-27, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house: and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." And in 2 Peter 1:10, we find, "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." An obedient child of God never has gone down and never will go down.

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day," 2 Tim. 1:12. The word "committed" here means *deposited*. Suppose a man has five thousand dollars and he decides he will deposit three thousand in the bank and keep two thousand and hide it in his home. Someone breaks in and steals the two thousand. He tells the president of the bank, who says, "If you had deposited the two thousand when you did the three, you would never have lost it." Was it the bank's fault? No, the bank was not responsible for that which was not deposited. The reason many people don't hold on longer than they do is because they don't make the deposit. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else



he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon," Matt. 6:24. Paul says, "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils," 1 Cor. 10:21. Then "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord," Rom. 8:35-39.

Some say that if a person backslides a little, he is still saved; but what does

the Bible say? In Luke 11:24-26, we find, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first." Paul wrote to the Galatians, "But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?" Gal. 4:9. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage," Gal. 5:1. Then to the Church at Philippi he wrote, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," Phil 3:13, 14. That is, a Christian should heed this exhortation, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God," Heb. 6:1. If you go back and pick up those things of sin you have thrown down, you are again in bondage. If they condemned you before you were saved, they will condemn your soul if you go back to them. Many things used to justly condemn our Church of God people that don't condemn them today. Are you still keeping that covenant you made with God? If you had to clean up to get it, you have to stay clean to keep it. *It was old-fashioned holiness preaching that brought the Church of God to where it is today! If a big man wants to come in, let him come in the old-time Holy Ghost way.* Some say, "I want you to know I haven't backsliden; I just don't have the victory any more." In Matt. 3:11, we read, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Some sit around and never move, yet claim the Holy Ghost. "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto

me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified)," John 7:37-39. "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life," John 4:14. Does fire create emotion? Does a river create emotion? If you have that Holy Ghost fire, you won't sit around still and dry; the Holy Ghost is going to move. You say, "I am established now." You are not established! You are stuck and don't know it. He said you are again in bondage if you go back to them. A backslider needs to be converted again. In James 5:19, 20, we find, "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." Also, in Rev. 2:5, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Matt. 5:13, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Matt. 18:15-17, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." To the Corinthians, Paul wrote "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you," 1 Cor. 5:1, 2. To the Church at Thessalonica, he wrote, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us," 2 Thess. 3:6. Do you know that when you turn

around to look back, you are already on your way back? "Remember Lot's wife," Luke 17:32, is one of the greatest sermons Jesus ever preached. The backslider should go back to the altar and be reclaimed; I wouldn't give two cents for his hope in eternity, if he doesn't. They say, "He will always come back before he dies," but many haven't. Once when I had preached on the prodigal son, one fellow said to me, "Notice, the prodigal son was saved in the end." I said, "So will everyone who will do what that boy did." Every backslider can come back and be saved if he hasn't committed the unpardonable sin. The devil himself was a backslider; is he going to heaven or hell?

Judas Iscariot was a backslider. In Matt. 10:1-8, we find where Jesus called His twelve disciples, and Judas Iscariot was one of them. These twelve Jesus sent forth and commanded them, saying, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles... but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." He sent them out to preach the gospel and cast out devils. They accused Him of casting them out by the prince of devils. I do not believe Jesus would call a devil to preach the gospel. I will agree that a lot of devils are preaching it, but Jesus didn't send them out.

After Judas had been preaching over two years, we find him and the other disciples at the supper table with Jesus. John 13:26, 27, "Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly." When Satan came into him, he went out from the supper table and betrayed the Lord. "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself," Matt. 27:3-5. "That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place," Acts

1:25. Where did Judas go? In John 17:12, we find, "...none of them is lost, but the son of perdition." This reminds one of what Paul said, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway," 1 Cor. 9:27. And again "Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith," 1 Tim. 5:12. "Damnation" here means a future state of punishment. In St. Jude 1:5, we read "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not."

The Bible says that Christians (disciples) have their names written in heaven. "Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven," Luke 10:20. If our name is there, is it always there? Let us see. In Exodus 32:31-33, we read "And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Psalm 69:28 says, "Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous." Again we read in Rev. 3:5, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." Sin can never enter heaven. What will happen to those who sin? On that day they will not be able to find their names there. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15. The Prophet Ezekiel wrote, "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die," Ezek. 18:24. The way you die is the way you are going to meet God. I believe that if I backslide tonight, openly and willfully commit sin and die

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A GOOD PASTOR

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Our English word "pastor" comes from the Hebrew *RA'AH* and Greek *poimen* and means "to tend a flock," "to rule," "to associate with as a friend," "feed," "to make friendship with," etc.

Just why God has seen fit to term the Church as a flock and the pastor as a shepherd, we shall not be able to explain fully in a short article, but suffice it to say that in the Father's great wisdom and loving care for His children, He has chosen to have a sheepfold (church) and shepherd (pastor).

In the days of Israel, God seemed to be displeased with some pastors because they had failed to care for the people, and He said, "My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting-place. All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not." Notice the pitiful condition of the sheep: "Lost sheep"; "they have forgotten their resting-place." Then notice God's accusation against the pastors: "Their shepherds have caused them to go astray"; "they have turned them away on the mountains."

What a charge from Almighty God concerning His people and pastors! Read Jer. 3:15. Note His interest in backslidden Israel. "I will give you pastors after my own heart." Our Lord spoke of the good shepherd who will go after the sheep that is lost. Sometimes he may be a lamb with "no wool," but if we bring him back, bind up his broken legs, feed and care for him, he will be grown and able to produce some day.

In the first month of this fiscal year, God gave to the Church of God in Tennessee, 479 members. According to reports of our ministers, 1,001 were saved. What a blessed trust. Will our pastors care for them?

This writer was impressed greatly not so long ago when he was at a service where members were being received into the church. With dignity, pride and humility, the pastor held the Bible out, asking if each candidate was saved, would he obey the teaching of the Church as outlined by the Assembly, would he support the Church with his prayers, presence,

and finance, did he believe this was the Church of God, was he joining it of his own free will. Last of all he asked, "Will you, when tempted, call on the church and pastor to help you before giving up?" He then said, "Your pastor will come to your aid any hour of the night you call."

Some people were not reared in Christian homes. They have not much spiritual help except what they receive at the church. They are not accustomed to the Christian life. They do not know how to overcome the enemy of their souls. Some have great anticipation and try to live perfect, but are only "babes in Christ." They need the tender care of a good pastor.

A God-given pastor is for: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part,

maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love," Eph. 4:11-16.

A good pastor watches for the soul, Heb. 13:17. God's man feeds the flock, Acts 20:28. He takes the oversight, 1 Peter 5:2.

If a God-called pastor will put his time, talent, heart and soul into his work, feed his people a good balanced diet of the Word of God, show to his flock that he loves them, they will grow, produce, support God's Church, be a lighthouse to the lost, love each other, be happy and prove to the world that the best life is that of a Christian. The pastor will not want for anything, for "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" and they will be ready from the call from on high.

Ezek. 3:17-19, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

May God grant us pastors after His own heart who will go to the mountains, if needs be, and bring the erring, straying, cold, hungry, crippled, torn, beaten, or backslidden children of His back to the fold. Amen.



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Praise Brings Miraculous Healing

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Several years ago I was in one of the port cities of China studying the language. One day one of the missionaries came from a city where she had contracted smallpox. Her name was Beulah Funk. As I was a nurse it seemed my duty to look after her. I had nursed a case of smallpox before—a little child—and had written to my mother about it. She wrote back that she was willing for me to nurse any kind of disease except smallpox, and asked me to promise her that I would not take another case of this terrible disease. I thought about it and felt that perhaps it would be the right thing to do, since my mother felt that way about it, and I promised her that I would not. But this case was brought in, and here I was nursing a case of smallpox without knowing it. When I detected that it was smallpox, I sent for Dr. McDonald to come and give his opinion. He said that it was smallpox and that we must be quarantined; so they put us in the Chinese quarters on the other side of the compound; but before we went I had to get the victory about it, for I felt bad because of the promise I had made to my mother. I went to my room to get alone with God.

There is nothing like that, when we

are in difficulty of any kind, or anything goes wrong—getting alone with Jesus and talking to Him about it. I obeyed literally the sixth verse of the sixth chapter of Matthew, and went into my closet and told the Lord all about this case. What was I to do? After I had talked it out the Lord seemed to ask me if I loved my mother better than Him, and would I not obey Him? I told Him I loved Him better than anyone else. So I went over to nurse Miss Funk with the feeling in my heart that I would not take the disease. We had a good time praying and reading the Bible. We took our Bibles with us through the smallpox. The Lord gave us many passages in His Word about healing and manifested Himself to us in a wonderful way. Miss Funk was quickly healed in answer to prayer, but the doctor said we must stay in quarantine twenty-one days.

On the 18th day I began to feel quite sick. I was aching all over my body, but I did not think it was smallpox that I was taking. All that night I felt very ill. It seemed as if my flesh were swelling, and I burned with fever. Even then it did not occur to me that I had smallpox, and the next morning I said to Miss Funk, "I must have

eaten something poisonous in some Chinese food we have eaten," and all that day we prayed the Lord would give us victory over this poison. But on the morning of the 20th day of our quarantine, I got up and there was no mistaking things, my face and limbs were covered with smallpox pustules, and my whole body was swollen with it. Miss Funk said, "You surely have a bad case of smallpox." I said, "The Lord is able for this. Let us pray about it and not tell anyone."

While we were praying and asking the Lord to heal me, I had a vision of two baskets on a scale. One basket was up high and the other was down on the floor; and a voice came to me saying, "Fill up the basket of Praise." I jumped up and said, "I am not going to pray any more, I am going to praise." Miss Funk said, "You are in a very bad condition, and we must pray." I replied, "The Lord will put me into good condition if I praise Him and I want you to help me." Then I did not care who knew it. So we went out on the verandah and walked up and down praising the Lord so loudly that people came to see what was the matter. One woman said, "You have a terrible case of smallpox; why did you not tell somebody?" I answered, "I have told my Heavenly Father." So this woman got all the people together to pray, but I could do nothing but praise. By this time Miss Funk had the spirit of praise, too; so we praised the Lord together. It seemed, however, that the more I praised the Lord, the more the smallpox came out on my body.

Then it came to me that I must praise the Lord as many times as I had pustules on me, and the pustules would come off. But all that day as I praised the Lord they kept coming out until they so covered my body that I could not lay my fingertip between them. In the afternoon the doctor heard

about it, as we were making such a noise, for I could not really praise the Lord in an orderly manner, I was so filled with the praises of God. The doctor said, "You ought to be in bed. You have a terrible case of smallpox." I said, "Praise the Lord." He said, "Don't say that, you must be sensible." I said, "Yes, I am sensible, but praise the Lord. He told me to praise Him, and I want you to help me praise the Lord." He went in and told the people that the fever had gone to my brain, and if they did not get me quiet I would not last through the night.

They tried to quiet me, for I was praising the Lord, and that seemed to be the only thing that would satisfy me. It seemed to me I could see a grave alongside of Mr. Reeves (who had died of smallpox years before) and I would fill that grave unless I filled up that basket with praise. The missionaries begged me to get quiet and said they would praise for me, but I told them I must praise the Lord and I needed all the help they could give me to do it. And the pustules seemed to be getting thicker all the time; the more I praised, the more pustules came on my body. There was another missionary who was sick in a room near, and she sent word to please consider her and keep quiet on her account. But I said, "You tell her if she will praise the Lord she will soon be healed."

About one o'clock that night I asked Miss Funk to look at my back and see if it, too, was covered with smallpox, for I felt that if I lay down before I had praised for every pustule on my back that I would die. She said, "Your back is covered." So then we jumped up and down, and praised the Lord again and again. We made considerable noise and the people came out to see what was the trouble, although everybody was afraid to come in to us. A little after one o'clock I felt I had praised through, and had filled up the praise basket, and I lay down very quietly and went to sleep.

The day before, I had received a letter from a missionary, Mrs. Monroe, who asked me if I would give her some information as to how to feed her husband, who had been ill with malaria. Mrs. Farnham had answered the letter for me that afternoon and I told her what to do and that was to praise the Lord; that was all I could say. Mrs. Farnham also told her how very ill I was. The next morning I was awakened by the Chinese woman rubbing my face; then she ran and

told Miss Funk that I was going to die for the smallpox had gone in. Miss Funk understood the woman to say that I had died and she quickly dressed and came to me. I had risen, and we met each other in the doorway, and then what a wonderful time we had praising the Lord together. There was not a pustule on my body anywhere! And sure enough I got out on the 21st day.

The Lord told me to go down to Macao that day to help Mr. Monroe praise through. I asked Mrs. Quick to go up to my room in the Missionary Home quarters and get my suitcase. She was a little afraid I should go off so soon, but I told her the Lord had said for me to go, so she went down to find out if there was a boat going that day. Later on she came back bringing word there was no boat leaving on that day. So I went in to pray and there seemed to come such a reproof from the Lord, with the question, "Had He not told me to go? Why was I doubting Him?" So I told Mrs. Quick the Lord had said for me to go, and boat or no boat I was going.

I took a Chinese woman with me, and we went down to the river. I saw a little Chinese junk boat ready to go out and called to the captain and asked if he would take me along. He said, "We do not take passengers, but I will take you and let you have my room and I will go in with the engineer." So we boarded the little boat, and I never had such a lovely trip. We arrived at Macao and I knocked at the door, and when Mrs. Monroe saw me she said, "Oh my, you are sick. I was just reading the letter telling us you were sick with the smallpox." I told her I was healed and she went in and told Mr. Monroe that I was there, but he was so frightened that he said, "It's just like the devil to send a case of smallpox here to finish me up." I told his wife that I would stay outside and praise the Lord.

They were lovely people and trusted the Lord for the healing of their bodies, but he was so ill with malaria that he had lost courage and needed help. The Lord met us in a wonderful way, and that evening Brother Monroe got out of bed, clapped his hands and praised the Lord, and very soon he dressed and went down in the city, and told the people how God, the Great Physician was able to heal today and had healed him. That brother has had no malaria since that time, and whenever I see him he always says, "Praise the Lord."

I believe there is nothing that brings the victory like praising the Lord. I have found it that way in China when things look dark and discouraging; if I got up and praised the Lord everything would get all right and the devil would flee. In the first chapter of Revelation, 5th and 6th verses we read, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father." Now do you know what the priest's business was in olden time? It was to offer sacrifices. We are made priests unto God by the washing of His blood and He made us for this purpose—to offer the sacrifice of praise. And what is the sacrifice of praise? We find the answer in Heb. 13:15, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, by the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name." People say, "I do not want to say it if I do not feel it." But it will not hurt you to say it. And if you keep saying it, it will become a fruit in your heart, and afterwards a fruit of your lips.

If I lose the praise, it is hard to get the victory. The devil fears praise more than anything else. We have had some of the most remarkable healings I have ever seen through praising the Lord. One Chinese woman, who was a leper, had been given up by the doctor, and he told her there was no hope. She had spent hundreds and hundreds of dollars trying to get healed. She heard of us and came to be prayed for. We offered a short prayer and then began to praise the Lord for the answer. That was on Thursday, and on Sunday she came to the meeting and her flesh, which had been so badly eaten by the disease, was all healed over, and it had a thin skin all grown over like a baby's. She was baptized that day. She was sixty-one years old at that time and had never learned to read, but now she reads her Bible and goes around and prays with others.—Triumphs of Faith.

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CAN A PERSON ONCE SAVED EVER BE LOST?

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tonight, that I would go to a sinner's hell and stand before God and the judgment a sinner. The way I die is what is going to decide my fate.

One day when I first started out in the ministry, I was discouraged and the devil tried to talk with me. I said, "Devil, I am going to put some things down in a little notebook. Here are some reasons Heaston can't afford to backslide." I thought that thing over and said, "First, I can't afford to betray the confidence others have in me. Second, if I go out of this world in sin, what little righteousness I have done will not be mentioned. Third, I want to go to heaven. Fourth, I can't afford to disgrace my family; I think more of my heavenly calling than to do that. Fifth, some day the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. That day and hour no man knows, no, not the angels in heaven, but Jesus said He is coming back again. I don't want to stay here and miss the rap-ture."

I think that if you will sit down and think on this a little, you won't backslide. As sure as you backslide you are headed for hell. Some said that God would not be just to send a backslider to hell, but he deserves it. I think God ought to make a backslider's hell a little hotter! Remember, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him," Ezek. 18:20. The Romans were informed that "the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," Rom. 6:23. The great pastor James wrote, "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death," James 1:15. John the Revelator said, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death," Rev. 20:14. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death," Rev. 21:8. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God," Ps. 9:17. The writer of Hebrews queries, "How

shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him," Heb. 2:3. Simon Peter interrogates, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly," 2 Peter

2:4-6. I close with this solemn passage of scripture, and God help us to take warning: "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God," Heb. 10:28-31.



THE LANDING OF THE PILGRIMS

*The breaking waves dashed high
On a stern and rock-bound coast,
And the woods against a stormy sky
Their giant branches tossed;*

*And the heavy night hung dark
The hills and waters o'er,
When a band of exiles moored their
bark
On the wild New England shore.*

*Not as the conqueror comes;
They, the true-hearted, came;
Not with the roll of the stirring drums,
And the trumpet that sings of fame:*

*Not as the flying come,
In silence and in fear;
They shook the depths of the desert
gloom
With their hymns of lofty cheer.*

*Amidst the storm they sang,
And the stars heard, and the sea;
And the sounding aisles of the dim
woods rang
To the anthem of the free.*

*The ocean eagle soared
From his nest by the white wave's
foam,
And the rocking pines of the forest
roared,*

*This was their welcome home.
There were men with hoary hair
Amidst that pilgrim-band:
Why had they come to wither there,
Away from their childhood's land?*

*There was woman's fearless eye,
Lit by her deep love's truth;
There was manhood's brow serenely
high,*

*And the fiery heart of youth.
What sought they thus afar?
Bright jewels of the mine?
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?
They sought a faith's pure shrine!*

*Aye, call it holy ground,
The soil where first they trod;
They have left unstained what there
they found,
Freedom to worship God.*

—Felicia D. Hemans.

EDITORIAL (Continued from page 3)

ditions and circumstances in life. It checks gloom, paralyzes envy, and returns with blessings upon our heads. Through it we taste the sweetness of a gift twice over. Then, too, gratitude fits us for greater blessings, for God is ever ready to give more abundantly when previous gifts are properly valued, appreciated, and enjoyed. Let us know, as James did, that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning."

Neither are we to take the courtesies, the kind deeds, and the free overtures of our neighbors, our fellow ministers and members, and even the members of our own homes, for granted, but we are to always be courteous and grateful, and, not only be that, but act that way for every kindness shown us. This is a day, as never before, when the world has shrunk to such an extent until no nation is far from another and cannot exist

alone, and certainly, as Paul said, "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself," Rom. 14:7.

We should never take God's blessings for granted. God owes us nothing, but we are indebted to Him for life, for health, for friends, for the day to work in, the night to rest in, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, our homes, our families—all of these things are provided for us by our Heavenly Father. As David so profoundly said, "Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing," Psalm 145:16. So let us join the sweet singer of Israel on this Thanksgiving Day in saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's," Psalm 103:1-5.

THEY SAY

"How can you believe that rot!" exclaimed a university student coming on a classmate reading the Bible. "Don't you have difficulty with such a miracle as the dividing of the Red Sea?" "Yes, I have difficulty with the Red Sea," was the reply. "But my difficulty is not how it was divided, but how it was made. For certainly He who made it could divide it."

God never closes one door without opening another.

Learn these two things: Never be discouraged because good things get on so slowly here, and never fail daily to do that good which lies next to your hand. Do not be in a hurry, but be diligent. Enter into sublime patience of the Lord. Be charitable in view of it. God can afford to wait; why can not we, since we have Him to fall back upon? Let patience have her perfect work and bring forth her celestial fruits. Trust to God to weave your little thread into a web, though the patterns show it not yet.—George MacDonald.

If we cannot believe God when our circumstances seem to be against us, we do not believe Him at all.—C. H. Spurgeon.

We are not responsible for conversion, but we are responsible for contact. We cannot compel any man to decide for Christ, but we may compel every man to decide one way or the other; that is, we may so bring to every human being the Gospel message, that the responsibility is transferred from us to him, and that we are delivered from blood guiltiness. God will take care of the results, if we do our duty.—A. T. Pierson.

That which constitutes the supreme worth of life is not wealth, nor ease, nor fame, nor even happiness, but service.—Martin.

If you meet opposition, it may indicate that you are doing something that counts. In digging his wells, Isaac had no opposition from the Philistines until he struck water.

It was a Jew who brought the Gospel to Rome; a Roman who took it to France; a Frenchman who took it to Scandinavia; a Scandinavian who took it to Scotland; a Scotchman who evangelized Ireland; and an Irishman in turn made the missionary conquest of Scotland. No people have ever received the Gospel except at the hands of an alien.—The Southern Christian Advocate.

"Love cannot be wasted. It makes no difference where it is bestowed, it always brings in big returns."—W. G. Montgomery.

"I have always felt that wherever doctors could go to save men's bodies, I could go to save their souls."—Dwight L. Moody.

"Earth changes, but thy soul and God stand sure."—Browning.

"Life's greatest tragedy is to lose God and not to miss Him."—F. W. Norwood.

"Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God and a scourge for Satan."—Bunyan.

"The Bible does not need to be rewritten, but reread."

"If we had paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would now be living in a jungle of weeds."—Burbank.

The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of the truth that God governs in the affairs of men.—Franklin.

"Theology bears the same relation to Christianity that botany does to flowers."—"Billy" Sunday.

"If calamity, disgrace or poverty comes to your friends—then is the time they need you."—Elbert Hubbard.

"The quartet sang a derangement of an old favorite."—J. Norman Lynd.

"Any man can stand up to his opponents; give me the man who can stand up to his friends."—William Gladstone.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."—Addison.

"It isn't the ship in the water that sinks it; it is the water in the ship that sinks it."—Sel.

"It is the cause, and not the death, that makes the martyr."—Napoleon.

"Life is a bundle of thoughts bound by the string of decision."—Sel.

"Vulgarity is the twin sister of vice."—Henry T. Finck.

TELEGRAM

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